

**METHODS, SYSTEMS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR  
DISTRIBUTION OF REQUESTS BASED ON  
APPLICATION LAYER INFORMATION**

**ABSTRACT OF DISCLOSURE**

Methods, systems and computer program products are discussed for distributing workload between a plurality of servers. A plurality of requests are received over a first connection. The plurality of requests are parsed to determine application layer information associated with each of the plurality of requests. Destination servers are selected for each of the plurality of requests based on the determined application layer information. The plurality of requests are distributed to the selected destination servers over a plurality of second connections associated with each of the destination servers.

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